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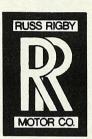
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Our front page pic this issue shows tension and anxiety on the players faces as the Torquay defence meets up to the Wigan challenge. (Photo by courtesy of the Post & Chronicle).

Personally Speaking

by Ian McNeill



Good afternoon all. A VERY warm welcome to Colin Murphy and his Lincoln 'Imps'. Last season was not a particularly good one for Colin as he possibly arrived too late to stop his side being relegated. However, they are going very strongly

just now and we will certainly have our work cut out to beat them.

Good Run

After our two recent away defeats, coupled with our home defeat by Torquay, it is really imperative that we start taking off now, if we are to have the same sustained effort for promotion that we witnessed last season. It was just about now we started moving up the league and I am hoping we can start with a good result today.

Roughnecks

Wednesday's match was an extremely interesting one and it gave us a chance to experiment with one or two of the younger players. I am sure they will have benefited by the experience, I was also very impressed by the Tulsa No.9. This little lad, I only learned later, was the player whose goal virtually knocked Scotland out of the World Cup, when he was playing for his country — Iran.

Enjoy today's game.

Jan Me Meill.

WELCOME TO



LINCOLN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB 1979/80 — (Left to Right) Back Row: T. Loxley, G. Cockerill, M. Smith, J. Saunders, M. Hartford, Middle Row: P. Grotier, L. Lawrence (Coach), J. Fleming, D. Sunley, S. Ward, D. Hughes, G. Watson, J. Sheridan (Coach), K. Fox. Front Row: P. Lyons, D. Carr, G. Hobson, K. Laybourne, B. Loxley (Physio), T. Cunningham, C. Murphy (Manager), T. Peake, B. Wright, B. Guer, D. Burrows.



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Lincoln City have moved about the divisions during the eighty-plus years of League Football witnessed at John o' Gaunt's Field, and since 1894, the Sincil Bank Ground Championship honours have been gained at Third Division (North) and Fourth Division levels, Indeed, in Season 1975 - 1976. the Lincoln City Football Club established a League record of 74 points in gaining the Fourth Division Championship. However, in spite of their consistently good record, Lincoln have never been able to push through to the top echelons of the Football League, but the club is looked upon as a well-tried and established member, by whose presence the quality of any division in which the club plays is that much more attractive and positive. So positive, in fact, that on January 16th, 1932 a Frank Keetlev scored six times for Lincoln against Halifax Town, all in the space of 21 minutes!! The club also boasts the proud record of the most points, most wins and fewest defeats in any season of Fourth Division activity!!

This year, anxious to put last year's troubles behind them, the 'Red Imps'', as Lincoln's players are

nicknamed, have got off to a very encouraging start. With eighteen points from thirteen games, the men from Sincil Bank are handily placed in fifth position, not only to sustain their challenge for promotion, but also to push ahead for yet another

championship honour.

If it is any consolation to Wigan Athletic supporters, our own boys are always at their best against strong opposition, but the signs are that we will have to produce a performance of true grit character if we are to get anything at all, other than first entertainment from today's game. From previous experience, in games against Boston United in our Premier League days, we know only too well the resilience, competitiveness and skill of South Lincolnshire opposition.

Welcome then to the Directors, Management, players and fans of the Lincoln City Football Club. We trust you will have a very pleasant stay in Lancashire and we express the hope that the Imp who resides in your beautiful cathedral will not be too hard on you, should Wigan gain some reward from today's game. Whatever the result we wish our Lincoln travellers well for Season 1979 - 80, and a safe and quick return not only to your own homes tonight, but also to the Third Division in the very near future.

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Metropolitan Borough months from now, it all goes aware occasional basis at the view to realising an annual without the Ashton-in-Makerfield over an even wider area. The League Division Four gentlemen for your support. recent recruitment of twenty-fixtures. It is with this in mind five additional agents adds to that we again appeal to you to J.T. SUDWORTH our belief that, in a very short join with us in building a (Commercial Manager)

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Lancashire ague Scene

by Fred Eyre

TOP OF THE LEAGUE!!! That's the position. Wigan Athletic Reserves are occupying at the moment

It is a fine feeling and I am encouraging all my players to enjoy it to the full. Football is a game of ups and downs and you work so hard for the "ups" that I feel you should make the most of them when they come along.

Obviously there is still two thirds of the season to go yet, but even so it is a tremendous achievement for a team in only its second season to be up at the top above all the big clubs.

Our 3 - 1 victory at Bradford City on Saturday followed by a 2 - 1 win over Burnley at Springfield Park, watched by another crowd of over six hundred, two days later, took us three points clear of Everton and four points in front of Liverpool.

I feel we are equipped to maintain our

challenge at the top with the squad of players I have. Even though we are only just approaching the start of a long hard winter I will expect the players to maintain a high level of performance in spite of the varying conditions between now and next May

Irrespective of the many excuses trotted out by Managers at the end of a season, I feel that after a full season a team finishes exactly where it deserves. The "if only's" 'we should have's" count for absolutely nothing. The team that consistently gets good results at home and away overcoming all the elements of an English Soccer season which covers everything from sunshine, gales, sleet, rain, snow and ice will finish where it belongs . . . at the top. To get these results players need an abundance of determination, willingness to work in training and enthusiasm for the game allied to their natural talent; all of my players have these qualities and having attained this position at the top we are all determined to hang on to it.

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Player Profile



DAVID FRETWELL (Defender)

DAVID was born in Normanton, and was educated at Normanton Grammar School. He joined Bradford City in 1966 at the age of 14, as an Associate Schoolboy, but stayed on at school to take 'O' and 'A' levels. Whilst still at school David represented Yorkshire and England Senior Schools at the Under-18's level. At eighteen although offered the opportunity to sign full-time for Bradford City, David decided to go to Bradford University to study Industrial Management.

During his last two years at University, David Fretwell was a part-time professional and played about 80 games in the Fourth Division, eventually going full-time in 1974. Dave made over two hundred and fifty first team appearances for Bradford City before being given a free transfer in 1978. From there, the quiet Yorkshireman joined California Sunshine in the American Soccer

League and played one summer over there before returning in October 1978. Although he had provisionally agreed to join Colchester United on returning home, his plans were upset when his side reached the A.S.L. play-offs and David was four weeks late in returning home. Colchester moved quickly to sign another player and decided not to follow up their enquiries for David Fretwell. At that point, lan McNeill invited David to join Wigan on a month's trial, since when things have gone well for Wigan's man at the centre of the defence.

David's value to Wigan Athletic, in their first year in the Football League cannot be underestimated. A quiet, thoughtful and completely reliable professional, David brought composure and defensive know-how to a Wigan side which was finding it hard to adapt to the more demanding Fourth Division of the Football League. The fact that David Fretwell finished as runner up in the 1978 - 1979 Player of the Year Contest, emphasises just how highly thought of he is by the supporters of the Wigan Athletic Football Club.

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LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Saturday, 6th October, 1979
Reserves 3 - Bradford City Reserves 1
Wigan Scorer - MacIvor, Wallace, Tony Quinn.

Monday, 8th October, 1979 Reserves 2 - Burnley 'A' 1 Wigan Scorers - Crompton, Tony Quinn Saturday, 13th October, 1979

Reserves 1 — Morecambe Reserves 1 Wigan Scorer - Wilkie.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Saturday, 6th October, 1979 'A' Team 5 - Preston N.E. 'A' 2 Wigan Scorers - Glenn (2), M. Quinn, McAllister, Calderwood.

Saturday, 13th October, 1979 'A' Team 3 - Manchester United 'B' 0 Wigan Scorers - McAllister (2), Glenn.



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ABOVE:

Where did it go? Yet another Wigan attack just misses the final vital touch. (Photo by courtesy of Post & Chronicle)

TOP RIGHT:

Peter Houghton bursts through but the ball fails to find the net. (Photo by courtesy of Post & Chronicle)

BOTTOM RIGHT:

Micky Moore attempts wriggle clear of the Torqu defence. (Photo by courtesy of W Observer).

Springfield Spotlight

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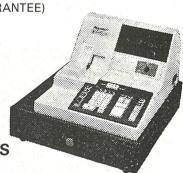
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Down Memory Lane by Harold Ashurst

PRIDE has always been a big feature in Latics' teams. They don't like being beaten, but, when they are, there is always some team which feels the backlash.

One such occasion took place on October 19th, 1957 when Latics entertained Cheshire League rivals Netherfield at Springfield Park. Only a week earlier Latics had been shocked when they lost 0 - 2 to lowly club Droylsden and the match against Netherfield was the way to get back their momentarily lost prestige. Wigan Athletic responded by beating the Westmorland side 5 - 2 in a very entertaining game watched by over three thousand people.

Latics led 2 - O at half time, their goals being scored by Buckle and Smith, but there was a minor scare just after half time when Netherfield pulled a goal back. It was only minor though, as

Latics then proceeded to take the match by the scruff of the neck scoring three goals in eight minutes. Smith, Prescott and Harrison were the Wigan Scorers, the latter being from a penalty, and although Holt scored for Netherfield, again from a penalty, there was no doubt which side was going to win.

The Wigan Observer report told of a highly entertaining match, saying: "There were many exciting and thrilling moments near both goals, which had narrow escapes and shots, time and time again, were smothered or deflected away. The Athletic were the more polished tacticians and had the necessary punch within shooting range. Netherfield often provided clever midfield play and approach work, but failed to force home their attacks through hesitating to take aim from excellent scoring positions."

LATICS AWAY

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Facts and Figures

Home fixtures in capitals. Wigan scores first.

Player scoring in bold. † Player substituted.

- ² Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.

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Fourth Division Focus by Chris Gill



WITH THE season more than one quarter over, the transfer market has suddenly exploded into action as clubs attempt to iron out deficiencies with an infusion of new players.

Although York City's results recently have been less than sensational they succumbed to a tempting £100,000 plus offer from Carlisle United to part

with Gordon Staniforth.

After signing Phil Ashworth on a free, Portsmouth decided to further strengthen their squad by laying out £20,000 for Port Vale's Kenny Todd.

Rochdale boss Doug Collins has been busy trying to boost his squad and recent additions to Spotland include former Burnley star Colin Waldron and ex-Blackpool player Larry Milligan.

Shock side so far, Halifax Town swooped on Merseyside to take young Everton defender John Thomas on a month's loan. Still in Yorkshire, Bernard Purdie gave up his first team place at Crewe to join the reserves, initially at least, at Leeds Road, Huddersfield in a £10,000 deal. Sadly, Doncaster Rovers are now deprived of the valuable

services of former England coach Les Cocker who collapsed and died after a training session.

Off the transfer trail and on to one of my favourite topics . . . GOALS. Portsmouth and Bradford City are looking more like topping the 100 mark as game follows game. Before today, Pompey had hit 36 goals in 13 games while City, who slammed Stockport for six, last week, also took their tally into the thirties.

One interesting statistic from Feethams Ground shows that big Darlington striker David Walsh has hit the target no less than eleven times this term... not bad when you consider his side have only managed a total of

eighteen goals.

Meanwhile down at Fellows Park, Walsall get the impression that they are unbeatable these days. Although they have had a few close shaves they've yet to lose a League game this season. Not bad going for a club which was very despondent after being relegated from the Third Division last year.

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Caused two men early morning erection problems

Is attended six hours a day, six days a week, by three ladies, (Sunday is its day of rest)

Was locked out of Wigan Fruit Market on Wednesday evening, and had to be removed for its own safety in a hastily-summoned pantechnicon

Has inflicted on one member of staff and three very loyal supporters an absolute drenching

Suffered a dislocated leg in transit

Was restored to its normal position near the Wigan Fruit Market by an overweight Commercial Manager, a skilled Garage Mechanic and two agile young groundsmen?

If you haven't guessed already, the answer to the above puzzle is our new kiosk from which we are now selling Treble Chance Lottery tickets at 20p. a time.

P.S. It has one very fine attribute - IT IS MAKING THE CLUB MONEY.

A VERY GOOD afternoon to all supporters from

everyone at the Social Club.

As I expected, the entertainment programme in the club last weekend was excellent in every way. Yet it would be very difficult to imagine any two nights when the stage would offer such a complete contrast! On Sunday night — "Winston" played to a capacity house, and without a doubt they are the "tops" in the modern style of entertainment — Miss Audrey Jones sang four or five numbers between the two appearances of "Winston" and I for one hope it won't be too long before she is back again. Perhaps, this time, to fill a complete programme, I am certain she has a big future in club-land.

The Big Band — "Sounds 18", on Monday night last was, as on the last visit some months ago — fantastic!! Once again a very good audience was quick to show their appreciation and I am confident that, like "Winston", the next visit will be eagerly anticipated.

Next Monday night at 8 o'clock we have the inaugural meeting for the bowls' section of the Supporters club and any lady or gentleman interested in joining us will be welcome on that

night

The good news of the week is that our quiz team defeated Manchester City Supporters' by 59 - 19 in the first round of the competition at Maine Road.



We now meet Rochdale Hornets Suppo Club (who beat Wigan R.L.F.C.) in the Seround at Springfield Park on Monday, November. As you know this conteorganised by Radio Manchester. (BBC 20 keep a note of the date.

On Saturday, 27th October, we have popular artist visiting us again — David I and on the following night, Sunday, October, we have another great sh

"Carnaby Street".

Hope to see you soon. Sincerely, Peter Woods.



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A last word from the chairman . . .

MAY I, on behalf of the Wigan Athletic Football Club, welcome to Springfield Park, the directors, players and supporters of Lincoln City. I hope that today's game will be played in that good spirit, and provide that quality of open and attractive football for which both our clubs are well-known.

Although we are at this moment in time going through a very testing period, I would ask our supporters to exercise patience and understanding as all at the club continue to work at the problem of recovering from a disappointing start to our second season in League Football. Whatever, his or her particular function, every person involved with the day



to day running of the club is well aware of the desire of the Wigan public for a successful team and a well established club. I must emphasise that we cannot expect success as a right, and we must also realise that only by hard work put in over a long period of time can we achieve our ambitions. Even such great clubs as Manchester United, Everton and Tottenham Hotspur have had spells when a lot of very hard work has brought only limited success. We are no longer a nonleague club, but a member of the greatest and best league in World Soccer — the Football League. We are the youngest members of that league, and, whatever our aspirations, we are still learning and we are still required to work very hard at establishing ourselves as a force to be reckoned with. You, the spectators, have provided us with the vital foundation of regular support. To scale any mountain requires planning, team-work, courage and stamina. By your continued support, help the Wigan Athletic Football Club over the tricky first phases of the ascent of its particular mountain. When we eventually reach the summit the view will be all that more enjoyable because we will have achieved our success by working together to overcome what will be looked back upon as nothing more than problems en route.

Enjoy today's game and let us give our team every encouragement.

Sincerely,

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Lincoln City Red & White Stripes

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Dave Fretwell

Brendan Guest 2

Joe Hinnigan

3 Philip Neale

Tommy Gore

Graham Watson

Colin Methyen

5 John Saunders

Neil Davids

Trevor Peake 6

Frank Corrigan

8 David Carr

7

Jeff Wright

9 Mick Harford

Peter Houghton

David Sunley

Gordon Hobson

Micky Moore 10

George Urquhart 11 Glenn Cockerill

Tony Quinn

12 Tony Cunningham

Officials

Referee: Mr. C.N. Seel (Carlisle) Started refereeing in 1961 and from local

leagues progressed via Northern Regional. Northern Floodlit. Central and Irish Leagues to the Football League full Has refereed several important League, F.A., and European F.A. games.

> Linesmen: Red Flag Mr. S. Sefton (Liverpool) Yellow Flag Mr. P. Suter (Liverpool)

Here next.

Wednesday, 24th October, 1979 Kick-off 7.30 p.m. WIGAN ATHIFTIC V ROCHDALE Football League Division 4